

Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us?
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We Want no Traitors in the Ranks.

It may be a matter of congratulation because it is rumored that John C. Breckinridge proposes to take command under Col. Anderson of federal troops in Kentucky, but it does not strike us so. We would have just as much faith in Jeff. Davis, and we don't know but more. Davis, although he is a traitor, does not desert his cause, poor and disreputable as it is. The patriotic demonstrations in the north have no effect upon him. He still glories in his treason, and although fortune frowns upon the confederate flag, he sticks to it; but if rumor is correct, Breckinridge is preparing to desert his colors, and go over to those whom he has up to this time denounced. He is a double traitor, and we regret that Col. Anderson manifests the slightest satisfaction in the prospect of having him under his command. We hope all these telegraphic statements that Anderson puts faith in him will turn out to be untrue. It will not do to entrust Breckinridge with any authority in our army. He would betray it, and the acquiescence of our government in admitting him, even as a private into the army, would weaken our faith in its good intentions.

What the Administration is Doing.

The following is an extract from a private letter from our Washington correspondent "A. G." to his brother in this city: I notice not only in the feeling of northwestern people, but also in a great majority of the volunteers here an almost irresistible desire to be picking it! Now it is just as important in war as in religion to have all things done "decently and in order." The government is working on a large scale; on that point the country will be satisfied before long, and so far as the government programme has been published the people have said, "Amen! It is well."—One moment's reflection will satisfy a candid and cool judgment, that the first thing to be done is to AMPLY fortify the NATION'S CAPITAL. The next thing is to blockade the enemy, and let starvation and commercial disaster do as much of the work as possible—who shall say these works "move slow!" Virginia would be extremely tickled if they could menace or coax the government to make an aggressive move upon her any time between now and the constitutionally appointed day for her people to adopt or reject her ordinance—of course the people are going to be coerced into secession, but Mason had a great deal rather the government would make war upon them while they are "obediently waiting for the ballot box."—Don't you see the point?—so they flibuster a little at Harper's Ferry—feel of their doubtful sister Maryland o' nights a little—stick their guns out from the shores of the Potomac savagely at Uncle Sam's transports, but are careful not to fire at anybody! The only aggression Virginia has yet been guilty of is stealing, and on that score they may be excused a little on account of the example set them by their illustrious statesman Floyd. Let Virginia hold election illegally if she may, illegally if she must, and let the event be what it may, depend upon her case will be attended to. The probability now is that she will have enough to do to prosecute the war she seems determined to provoke with Maryland by her persistent interference with Baltimore's great railroad at Harper's Ferry. That thing will come to a head before long and if Maryland has to call on Uncle Sam to interfere, that will nail the flag of Maryland to the constitution for all time to come. The thing is working bravely—let the people keep their impulses alive, possess their souls in patience, rely on God, and Scott, and "keep their powder dry!"

Capt. James Montgomery, the terror of the Missouri border ruffians, has been appointed one of Gov. Robinson's aids. No man in Kansas is better calculated to lead in a frontier fight, and it is understood that his appointment is to be no ornamental position, but he will be ready to act promptly when occasion requires.

The southern papers say that the north is given over to isms, that when one gives out another succeeds. The Providence Journal replies: "We have just taken up an old item that had a great run some eighty years ago; it is patriotism."

Driven Out.

We daily hear of Union men being driven from their homes in the south, because of their attachment to their country. Frequently these outrages result in the murder of the hapless victims, and property is always sacrificed by the unfeeling mob. Just at this time our attention is more particularly drawn to the condition of our Union brethren in Missouri, where the most abominable outrages are committed against them. At Quincy, the telegraph informs us, a large number of these people have arrived. On Saturday last some six families fled to Keokuk, in Iowa, from Missouri, and they report that thirty-two families have been driven out from the single neighborhood from whence they came. Their crops, stock, houses and furniture are lost, and they are east upon the world penniless.

This is not an isolated case. Men and women, who acknowledge the duties of citizenship to a common country, are thus barbarously treated daily, on account of their opinions; and their dearest rights are violated for no reason but because they choose to support the cause of the Union.

Now, while the government is organizing vast armies to "retake the forts" and "possess the government property" it is not about time to call together another army to protect American citizens in the enjoyment of their rights of person and property?—What is a fort or a custom house compared with the principles struck down in the persons of these exiles, driven from their homes?

It seems to us that these outrages should receive immediate attention. Missouri is near us, and why should we not aid our brethren there? Let us withdraw our gaze and our active sympathy awhile from Washington and Port Picken, and look to our oppressed neighbors in Missouri—they need assistance and should have it. The legislature of our state should call the attention of the general government to this matter, and ask permission for the formation of an efficient force for the protection of our friends who are driven out of the state of Missouri, because they are loyal to the government.

Enlistment for the War.

The Madison Journal gives the following account of the enlistment and taking of the oath of allegiance by the Second Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers on Thursday: The companies were formed into line and inspected by Gen. King, accompanied by Gen. Stevens, Col. Coon, and his staff, and other military gentlemen. The oath of allegiance to the United States of America, of service during the war for three years according to the rules and articles of the U. S. Army, and of obedience to the command of superior officers, was then administered by Judge Advocate Buttrick, separately to each of the following companies: La Crosse Light Guard with 42 men; Portage Light Guard with 37; Racine Belle City Rifles with 74; Fox Lake Citizens Guard, about 60; Oshkosh Volunteers about 60; Randall Guards 60; Grant County Greys 63; Janesville Volunteers 71; Miner's Guards 55. After this ceremony, and three hearty cheers for the "Stars and Stripes," the parade was dismissed.

Some surprise was expressed that the Beloit company did not appear to take the oath. We understand that over fifty of the boys expressed a willingness to enlist for the war, and about forty were eager to do so. Many however were students, and others who had volunteered on the supposition that they were pressing needed for immediate and short service, and who could not go for the long term. As there were other companies at Beloit, it was doubted whether the ranks of this company could be filled up within the eight days allowed, failing which they were liable to draft from a captain whom they knew and were ready to follow, into strange companies. On the advice of Gen. King and Col. Coon, the company did not appear to take the oath to-day. The company has been promised a place in the 10th and 11th regiments, if it vacates itself, and its members express themselves as bound to fill up their ranks and enlist for the war.

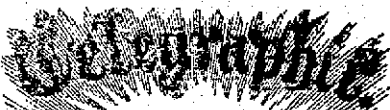
The number of men sworn in to-day is about 500. There are those who find fault with what they term "backing out." It should be remembered that many have families or parents of whose support they are only assured for three months, that many could arrange to leave their business for three months but not for a longer time, and others who made great sacrifices, under the idea of instant war, that they now consider called for. If any outsiders are dissatisfied, there are over 250 places in the ranks to fill, and they are cordially invited to "fall in" and do better. They will have to speak quick too, for places will not be vacant long.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED.—The legislature has gone intelligibly to work to take such action as the times demand. The bills already proposed embrace one authorizing cities and towns and villages to provide for the support of families of volunteers who may enlist for the war. The bill authorizes a tax to be levied for the purpose, at any general or special election, and for the distribution of the funds so raised. Senator Briggs has introduced a bill, to be submitted with the proposed amendments to the Banking Law, providing that only Wisconsin state stocks and United States stocks shall hereafter be received as banking securities.

A joint committee of five senators and eight assemblymen has been raised, to whom the subject of a loan for war purposes and the steps to be taken to bring state troops into the field has been referred. They will report a bill comprising the main objects of the session, a state loan and a bill for enrolling troops to furnish the government, and to be held in reserve for further calls. Probably a loan of a million dollars will be authorized for the purpose, and five or six regiments provided for. The legislature will probably conclude its session by the fore part of next week at the farthest.—Madison Argus, 17th.

JUDGE MESSEMORE IN THE SUPREME COURT.—A writ of quo warranto has been issued by the supreme court to Hon. Ira E. Messmore, inquiring by what authority he exercises the office of circuit judge in the new sixth circuit. It is contended that the law creating the circuit is unconstitutional, and the appointment of Mr. Messmore was to an office created during his term as assemblyman, and that he was therefore ineligible. The suit was brought in the name of the attorney general, and is prosecuted by a number of attorneys of the sixth circuit. The subject will be argued and disposed of at the June term of the supreme court.—Madison Argus.

THE VOTE ON THE SECESSION ORDINANCE IN TENNESSEE.—The Nashville papers of the 8th inst., give the vote in the Tennessee legislature on the passage of the secession ordinance. It was as follows: Senate, yeas 20, nays 4. House, yeas 46, nays 21.



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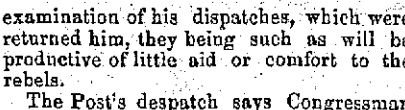
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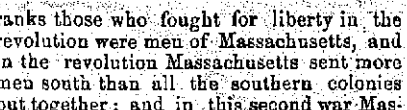
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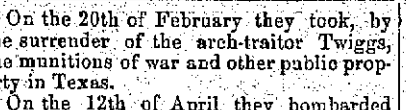
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